Rec^d April 12th
Ans June 3^d

Reynolds

St. Augustine. Fla
April 4. 1873

Mr. G. Eaglemann.

Dear Sir.

Your letter of March 12. was received in due time and had I not been very busy, it should have been answered before this. I was much interested in your inquiries and descriptions concerning the Yuccas. I have never studied them in particular, but unless we go north soon, I shall take pleasure in doing so in the future.

A plant of Y. filamentosa I think, is now shooting up its blossom stalk in our garden. But I judge from your letter that you are especially interested in Y. gloriosa. I shall be on the

watch for any information I can get, and if I go north before the blossoming and fruiting season, I will try to put you in the way to obtain the desired knowledge from some one else.

I think the Yuccas generally bloom in May with us,

I shall write you again soon, and hope to be able to tell you something of interest about your pets.

Please excuse this hastily written letter, and believe that I shall be glad to aid you in any way I can.

Your botanical friend
Mary E. Reynolds.

Rec'd July 30th
Ans same day

Pittsfield. Mass.
July 26. 1873.

Dr. G. Englemann.

Sir-

I fear you will think that I am not intending to answer your note, but perhaps the date of my letter will partly explain.

I left St. Augustine on the third of this month, and having been visiting among my friends, have had but little time to write letters.

I made a good many inquiries about the Yuccas while at home. The plants were then in bloom, in their prime I believe. There were a good many in bloom as early as the middle of May. I did not have time to go myself, so I could not find out

from my own observation about the character of the fruit. But I inquired of a gardener, whom I knew, had had considerable experience with the Yuccas. I satisfied myself that Y. gloriosa or "Spanish bayonet" as we call it, has a pulpy fruit about the size of a plum.

I sent you a collar-bop containing three or four single blossoms and two or three leaves. Did you receive it? My father promised to send you some of the ~~pods~~ fruit after I came away. As I have not heard from him, I do not know whether you have had any yet, or not.

You may feel that the leaves are very sharply and strongly pointed.

Mr. Williams, the gardener I spoke of, says that he has frequently seen Y. gloriosa 12 or 15 feet high, and farther down the Florida coast, near the Matanzas river I think, they form a thicket under which the bears have paths, and it is there that the

hunters go for them. The plants seem to belong to the sea-beach, and the islands; a few dozen plants are in gardens in St. L-, but they are used as hedges and I presume were transplanted from the beach. Mr. N. tells me that Y. aloifolia is not a native of Florida; he has not seen the plant there.

He has three or four varieties of Yuccas in his garden, but whether they are distinct species or only varieties, he has not yet decided. One plant grows just like the gloriosa except that the top leaves are very long and hang gracefully over; making a very pretty plant.

If your residence had been in New York city instead of St. Louis, I might have brought the whole pyramid of blossoms and some leaves of Y. gloriosa. We consulted about sending you one by express, and concluded that you would not probably gain enough to pay for the

expense -
While in New York - I went with Mr - Wm H. Leggett and Miss Dr. Putnam up to the Columbia College, and spent a very pleasant morning - I had a very pleasant chat with Miss Margaret Torrey -
You very kindly spoke of sending me your publication on Yuccas - I should like very much to read it, and will be much obliged if you will send it to my address care of Mr. Horatio Lockwood, Hunter, Greene Co N. Y.
I hope I have been able to help you somewhat in your study of the Yuccas, and if there is anything else that I can do when I return to St. A. in the fall probably in October, I shall be happy to do it.

Your friend,
Mary E. Reynolds,

Rec Octob 21st

At Mrs. Ingersolls
Catskill. N.Y.
Oct. 16. 1873.

Dr. Englemann.

Sir,

Your of July 30.
has just come to hand this week.
I am sorry that my efforts to
please and help you were not
more successful; and I do not
understand how the flowers
could have come in the "putrid"
"rotten" and "offensive" state that
you describe.

After my return South, probably within the next two months, I may possibly have a little leisure time to use in making the investigations you speak of.-

Hastily,

Mary le Reynolds.-

My inquiries were made at a time when I was very much pressed, and exceedingly busy with my preparations for coming north. A friend gathered for me the flowers that I sent you, as I had no time to go for them myself. The information I attempted to send you, I took a good deal of pains to obtain from a gardener living out of town, whose knowledge I supposed would be correct.